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all new goods. The market boat fares ranged from 800 pounds to 24,000 pounds, schs. Hope and Evelyn M. Thompson being the lucky ones with the latter big amount.

The receipts in detail are:

#### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Hope, 12,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 9000 hake.  
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 8000 hake, 2000 cusk.  
Sch. Cherokee, 800 cod.  
Sch. Sylvester, 800 cod.  
Sch. Quannapowitt, 15,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 2000 cusk.  
Sch. Mary B. Greer, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Slade Gorton, 40,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Rose Standish, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 2000 haddock, 2500 cod.  
Sch. Mettacombe, 500 haddock, 6200 cod.  
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 7500 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Georgianna, 40,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.  
Sch. Athena, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake, 1000 cusk.  
Haddock, \$2.25 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$4; market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake, \$2 to \$5; pollock, \$2.

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## NO NEWS FROM HERRING FLEET.

### Fish Believed to be Still at Bay of Islands.

No word has been received here from the herring fleet at Bay of Islands, N. F., since last Thursday, so the vessel owners are in the dark as to the exact situation there the past few days.

Latest reports were to the effect that several vessels which had taken part cargoes of salt herring and knocked off, waiting for frost to come, to finish their cargoes with frozen herring, got tired of waiting, and began again on salt herring.

Dispatches generally come Saturday night and Sunday, as on these days the skippers generally come down from the Arms to Birchy Cove to send the news home. That they did not come is an indication that herring are still running, and that the vessels are at work on them, and there is a suspicion that there may have been a little frost and that the scaffolds are full and the skippers attending closely to the freezing of the fish.

Sch. Indiana arrived at Boston this morning from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a salt herring cargo, which is reported sold to L. A. Treat.

#### The Nova Scotia Herring Fleet.

The Lunenburg Progress says:

"Sch. Nneita is due at Boston with a cargo of bulk herring from Bay of Islands, N. F."

"Sch. Palatia, Capt. O. P. Silver, arrived from Bay of Islands on Saturday with a cargo of split herring in barrels and halves for the Atlantic Fish Companies."

"Schs. Earl V. S. and John B. Young are both at Fortune Bay, seeking frozen herring for New England ports."

"Sch. Ellen Maxner, Capt. Lutz, arrived on Friday from Bay of Islands with a cargo of split herring. She made the run from Cape St. George, N. F., in 41 hours."

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#### Put in for Supplies.

Sch. Niagara of this port arrived at Louisburg, C. B., from the fishing grounds December 29 for a supply of water, and some fresh provisions. The Niagara is on a fresh halibut trip. Capt. Fitzpatrick reports stormy weather on the banks, and as yet the vessel's crew have not secured many fish.

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#### Portland Fish Notes.

Saturday's arrivals were, schs. Eva and Mildred, 7000 pounds of fish; Edmund F. Black, 6000 pounds and Katie L. Palmer, 4000.

At Portland Friday were sch. Fanny Hayden, 7000 pounds of fresh fish and sloop Laconia with 4000 pounds.

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## BOSTON FISH SUPPLY FAIR.

### Prices Are Somewhat Lower Than Expected.

There is a nice supply of fish at T wharf for the dealers this morning. The supply is not over-large, especially for a Monday morning, still the prices, though they cannot be called low, are not as high as would be expected. The chances are that a temporary dullness in trade and the open weather may account for it.

Three of the big off shore fellows are there, schs. Cynthia and Susan and Mary from the southwest part of Georges, and sch. Lucania, from Western Bank, the fares ranging from 65,000 to 75,000 pounds, the latter amount going to the credit of the Cynthia. Most of the shore boats too are well fished, schs. Mary E. Cooney and Alice leading with 25,000 pounds each, the other fares running from 5000 to 17,000 pounds each.

It is a fish day today, and a big fleet of the market boats are out, so the dealers are looking for a good sized fleet in tomorrow.

The receipts in detail are:

#### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Susan and Mary, 60,000 haddock, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Stranger, 4500 haddock, 2800 cod.  
Sch. N. A. Rowe, 8000 cod.  
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 10,000 pollock.  
Sch. Marguerite, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Reliance, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Lydia, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake, 4000 pollock.  
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 14,000 cod.  
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.  
Sch. Alice, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 8000 hake, 6000 pollock.  
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 pollock.  
Sch. Buema, 1500 haddock, 600 cod, 500 hake, 600 pollock.  
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 5000 haddock, 800 cod.  
Sch. Victor and Ethan, 9000 haddock, 800 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Lucania, 60,000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Cynthia, 70,000 haddock, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Angie B. Watson, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.  
Sch. Valentinna, 3500 haddock, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Ralph Russell, 18,000 pollock.  
Sch. Emily Cooney 13,000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Shore haddock, \$3.50 per cwt.; off shore haddock, \$2.75 right through; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$3.25; hake, \$2.50 to \$5; pollock, \$2.50.

#### Lobster Fishery Benefitted.

Says the Clark's Harbor, N. S., Coast Guard:

"It has been ascertained by careful inquiry that the first two weeks of lobster fishing the present week come out, with respect to catches, much ahead of the previous year. The observation applies to all harbors and by-places for a stretch of 20 miles, measuring from Cape Sable, eastward. True, the weather being moderate for the most part, gave a better opportunity for fishing than common at this time of year; but that fact scarcely accounts for the increase in the number of lobsters landed—One theory has been advanced—a rather novel one, but not altogether improbable, namely, that the fish offal heretofore dumped overboard by the boats, was gathered up last fall as garbage for the reduction works, and that the bottom has been kept clean of anything on which the lobsters could feed without crawling into the traps. It has often been proved that the scattering of refuse bait over the ground, even in small quantities, would instantly reduce the catch, and the habit of dressing fish on board the boats, while running to land, is now thought to have caused the barren spots on many an area that once panned out well. If such is the case—and it looks plausible enough—it is another indirect benefit, and by no means small, accruing to the fisheries from the operation of the reduction works."

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## PURCHASED NEW SCHOONER.

The Cunningham & Thompson Company have bought of Arthur D. Story the handsome big knockabout fishing schooner, which he is now building at his Essex shipyard

The craft is an improved Pontiac, 120 feet long, 24 feet beam and 11 feet depth of hold. It is possible that she may be rigged as a semi-knockabout with a short bowsprit. She will engage in the southern mackerel fishery under command of Capt. John A. McKinnon, one of the leading skippers of this port.

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## NO ARRIVALS SINCE SATURDAY.

### Sch. Georgie Campbell Was Last Schooner to Reach Port.

Since sch. Georgie Campbell came in early Saturday morning, there have been no arrivals here with fish fares up to this morning.

All the market boats are out and will probably have a set today, although there will probably be snow squalls. Several craft are expected from Bay of Islands with herring and outside of the work on herring craft now here, things about the water front have a very dull look.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.  
Sch. Buema, Boston.  
Sch. Matiana, shore.  
Sch. Rebecca, shore.  
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.  
Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.  
Sch. Emily Sears, pollocking.  
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, Boston.

#### Today's Fish Market.

Fresh halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and 11 cts. per lb. for gray.  
Board of trade prices:  
Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.  
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.  
Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.  
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.  
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.  
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.  
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

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#### HERRING IN GOOD QUANTITY.

### But No Frost Yet Reported At Bay of Islands.

Dispatches from Bay of Islands, N. F., yesterday afternoon indicate that there has been no frost there yet. Herring are in goodly quantity.

#### 750 Tons Finnan Haddies.

The entire annual output of the five wholesale fish firms of Digby, N. S., was this year more than 750 tons of finnan haddies. With the exception of one firm, all report an increase in the finnan haddie business, notwithstanding the windy weather for which the fall of 1909 has been noted. The salt fish business, like last year, has been below the average.



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## INCREASING THE FOOD FISH.

### Expedition From Norway Looking to This End.

The exhaustion of the food fishes near our coasts and on the surface of the ocean in regions accessible to civilized countries is exciting anxiety all over the world.

Within a limited number of years the great supply of food now obtained from the sea may come to an end.

Already the coasts of European countries are fished out, and fishermen are compelled to go further and further for their catch. The result is a constant rise in the price of fish.

How is this alarming situation to be dealt with?

The government of Norway, where the people depend very largely on fish for their food, and some leading English scientists have formed a joint expedition to search the depths of the ocean for new food fishes. The government supplies the ship Michael Sars, and the scientific work is under the direction of Sir John Murray, who made a great reputation by his discoveries with the ship Challenger. The researches will be carried on in the Atlantic ocean.

The Michael Sars has already brought up from a depth of over half a mile 225 fish, one hundred of which belong to new species. This gives one a good idea of the vast number of unknown fish still waiting to be discovered in the ocean.

One part of the work of the expedition will consist in locating the spawning banks of the cod and other food fish, and calculating from them what the total supply of adult fish may be. Attempts will then be made to increase the total supply by planting the spawn in favorable places.

The traps and nets of the Michael Sars will bring up many strange and grotesque creatures from the ocean depths, some of which may prove edible, while others certainly will not. There is, for instance, the amazing electric light fish, which carries a luminous bulb above its nose to guide it in the darkness of the ocean depths. There are many other fish which carry lights for the same purpose, some being arranged along the sides of the body and others on long feelers. Several more species of this class will perhaps be found.

There are many deep-sea fish which have peculiar trap-like mouths for catching the minute animals which swarm in the sea. Of this kind is the pelican fish, which is gifted with an elastic lower jaw that enables it to take in three or four quarts of water. Then it squirts out the water through its curved teeth and retains the animals for food.

The Michael Sars will make a special point of investigating the Gulf Stream and the various currents that join it. The bottom of the Gulf Stream will be examined.

Special interest will be attached to observations with Ekman's new current meter. An effort will be made with this to measure the rate of currents over oceanic shoals and also in very deep water. Long tubes will be forced into the oceanic bottom deposits, with a view of getting sections of considerable depth. At present we know nothing about marine deposits beyond 18 inches under the bottom.

The ship will make a prolonged investigation of the Saragasso Sea, that extraordinary formation lying between latitude 16 and 38 degrees north and longitude 30 and 50 west in the North Atlantic. Here, through the action of converging currents, the seaweed has been brought together in such a vast mass that it prevents navigation, and in places perhaps furnishes a platform firm enough to walk upon. Little is known about it. Many unknown species of fish probably find refuge under this formation.

The expedition will pursue its investigations from England to Gibraltar and along the coast of Morocco, and then proceed to the Azores and Madeira, Newfoundland, Iceland and Scotland.

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#### High Line of Nova Scotia Fleet.

The Lunenburg, N. S., banker Alexandra, Capt. Harry Winters, which landed 4450 quintals of fish, enjoys the proud distinction of not only being high line of the Nova Scotia craft this year, but for another year. A detailed statement of the catch, and amount stocked in the seven years that Captain Winters has sailed the Alexandra will show the amount of money that has been made by this vessel alone.

	Quintals	Amount
1903	1,480	\$7,176
1904	2,620	13,348
1905	2,120	11,649
1906	2,010	9,925
1907	2,602	12,817
1908	3,000	10,480
1909	4,450	18,000

18,282 \$83,405

It will be seen that Captain Winters averaged 2,612 quintals, and \$11,915 per year, which is considered the highest Nova Scotia record of which we have any information. Harry Winters is 35 years of age was born at Heckman's Island, is a very popular fishing skipper, and enjoys his well earned success with the greatest modesty.

#### Value of Nova Scotia Lobster Fishery.

The value of the Nova Scotia lobster fishery in the past season will be found to be in the neighborhood of \$2,200,000. The quantity of canned lobsters exported, 140,000 cases of 6,720,000 lbs. is about 30 per cent. less than that of 1908 and of live lobsters, 34,000 crates or 600,000 lbs., about 29 per cent. greater than for 1908. Combining these methods of handling the total catch is about 25 per cent. below that of 1908. A larger quantity of lobsters 9 to 10 1-2 inches has been exported during the past season than formerly, due to a change in the law in Massachusetts of two years ago and, while accurate computation is impossible it is the opinion of the writer that these fish are practically given away, as the lessened price of the market lobsters 10 1-2 inches and upwards, since this law is in effect, would, by the 9 to 10 1-2 inch lobsters being kept at home and used in the canneries, enrich the revenue from this industry. The labor and other expenses in packing those smaller lobsters, added to their value as paid by the canners, as the extra price obtained from the large lobsters, would attain to such better results.

#### Maine Lobsters Increasing.

James Donohue, Maine commissioner of sea and shore fisheries, says lobsters are increasing along the Maine coast in large numbers. This is in spite of an unusually large catch this year. The business has been good, and the fishermen received satisfactory prices. During the past year 140,000,000 young lobsters were planted. The government has done all the hatching, and was helped in the distribution.

#### Lunenburg Fish News.

Sch. Frank Adams, for Newfoundland, to load herring, arrived at St. Pierre on Sunday.

The new schooner J. B. Young arrived at St. Pierre on Sunday, on her way to Newfoundland.

The new schooner on the stocks in Smith & Rhuland's yard for Capt. Eldridge Spindler, was launched on New Year's day.

#### Stocked \$5000 in Five Weeks.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, Capt. James O'Brien, of the market fleet, which is at Boston today with a good fare, has been doing big work of late. In the past five weeks she has stocked \$5000.

Sch. Lucania, which arrived at Boston yesterday, stocked \$1460 on her haddock trip.

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#### Will Fit for Haddocking.

Schs. Annie Perry and Louise C. Cabral towed over here from Provincetown, where they have been laid up for a month or so, to fit out for haddocking. The latter craft was minus her bowsprit.

#### Salt Mackerel Imports.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston for 1909 are 23,660 barrels against 38,835 barrels in 1908.

#### Will Fit For Haddocking.

Sch. Effie M. Prior is fitting for haddocking under command of Capt. Douglass McLean.

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## BIG YEAR'S WORK OF SCH. TEAZER

### Stocked Nearly \$25,000 In Twelve Halibut Trips.

Sch. Teazer, Capt. Peter Dunskey, which arrived last week from a fresh halibut trip, has completed a splendid year's work and one which from the point of crew share has been excelled by few, if any of the off-shore vessels of the fleet. Capt. Dunskey has also succeeded in making 12 halibut trips in a year, which shows that on each he was gone but a short while and that lay days ashore were few and far between for him and his crew.

On her 12 trips, the craft being engaged in what is commonly called the Georges halibuting branch of the fisheries, rolled up the splendid stock of \$24,922.87, an amount which is exceeded by but two vessels in the whole fresh halibut fleet, including the "straight" and Georges Branches. Each man of the crew took as his share of the season's work, the fine amount of \$651.67, making a most profitable year's work.

Capt. Dunskey is one of the steady pluggers of the fleet. He keeps steadily at it and never lets up. He is very resourceful, as shown on this last trip of the season, when having lost so much trawl that he did not have enough left for the dories to fish with, and this right at the start of the trip, he coolly rigged up handlines, sounded out a good fishing spot, and there with his crew dug up a trip on which the crew shared over \$25, which was a good deal better than giving up after the trawls were lost and coming home with all hands in debt.

He is a reliable master mariner, courageous and of good judgment and by sheer hard work has placed himself in his present position among the leaders of the Gloucester fishing fleet.

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## SHORE FLEET KEPT IN HARBOR.

### Only Two Fishing Arrivals Since Last Night.

There have been two arrivals here since last report. Sch. William H. Rider came in late yesterday afternoon from an eastern deck handlining trip with a good catch, 40,000 pounds of salt cod. Sch. Miranda, from the same kind of fishing, came in during the night with 35,000 pounds of salt cod.

The wind will keep the shore boats in, but the chances are that some of the eastern bound craft will sail during the day. The herringers coming along must have a hard buck up against this series of westerlies and anything coming to weather in the bay last night must have iced up badly.

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. William H. Rider, LaHave Bank, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Miranda, eastern deck handlining, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Louise C. Cabral, Provincetown.  
Sch. Annie Perry, Provincetown.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.  
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.  
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, shore.  
Sch. Seaconnet, shore.  
Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.  
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.  
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.  
Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, shore.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Dictator, halibuting.  
Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.  
Sch. Moaniam, haddocking.  
Sch. Romance, haddocking.  
Sch. Mildred Robinson, haddocking.  
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, haddocking.  
Sch. Harvard, deck handlining.

#### Today's Fish Market.

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Board of trade prices:



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Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.  
Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.  
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.  
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.  
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.  
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

#### Portland Fish Notes.

The fishing steamer Carrie and Mildred, which had been out of commission for a couple of days, owing to an accident to her machinery, started out for the fishing grounds early Saturday morning, and on pulling in her nets, which had been out since Thursday, the crew were surprised to find in them the dead body of a shark, which measured about six feet in length, and weighed nearly 500 pounds. The shark is to be shipped to Boston, where it will be placed on exhibition.

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## BOSTON FISH SUPPLY SMALL

### Although Quite a Number of Vessels Are In.

There is not a very large supply of fish at T wharf today, although there is quite a number of vessels in. Three of the off shore fleet and 18 of the market boats comprise the fleet in, and 49,000 pounds is the largest fare in the lot, this being the amount in sch. Raymah. Prices are good.

New haddock sold at from \$3 to \$3.35, and large cod brought \$4 to \$4.50. Hake still hold up big, large shores being quoted at \$6. Cusk were \$2.70 and pollock \$2.60.

Of the market boats, schs. Sadie M. Nunan has a large catch, 24,000 pounds, and will fare well, as will schs. Motor, Genesta, Clara G. Silva, Manomet and Margaret Dillon, which have from 10,000 to 19,000 pounds each. It looks like a good market all the week, although if the expected fleet of big fellows get in from the southwest part of Georges the latter part of the week, haddock will probably take a drop.

The last shipment of live lobsters from Nova Scotia was not large. The main reason for it was the fact that the steamer sailed for Boston on Saturday night, January 1, which is a legal, as well as a church holiday throughout Canada, and the fishermen did not do much work. There were, however, 155 crates, averaging in weight from 140 to 200 pounds, 19 barrels and one box of lobsters received.

For the week ending Friday, there were 49 arrivals at Boston, with 616,900 pounds of fresh fish, against 70 arrivals with 1,338,400 pounds for the corresponding week last year.

The receipts in detail are:

#### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Maxwell, 1100 haddock, 1500 cod, 1500 pollock.  
Sch. Mattie Brundage, 3600 haddock, 400 cod, 300 hake.  
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 8000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk.  
Sch. Manomet, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake, 7000 pollock.  
Sch. Minerva, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 300 pollock.  
Sch. W. H. Clement, 3500 cod.  
Sch. Terra Nova, 24,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 3000 cusk.  
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500 pollock.  
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 4500 haddock, 1300 cod, 1000 hake.

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Sch. Raymah, 40,000 haddock, 9000 cod.  
Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., 27,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Edith Silveira, 6000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Clara G. Silva, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.  
Sch. Lillian, 3500 haddock, 2300 cod.  
Sch. Motor, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 pollock.  
Sch. Leo, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Genesta, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.  
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.  
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 13,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 5000 hake, 3000 pollock.  
Haddock, \$3 to \$3.35 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2.75 to \$3.50; hake, \$2.50 to \$6; cusk, \$2.75; pollock, \$2.60.

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## VESSELS WERE BADLY ICED UP.

### Boston Fleet Showed Effect of Wind and Cold.

Boston's fish story this morning is a short one, as far as arrivals are concerned and the quartette in have only a few fish altogether. Every craft reaching the dock since yesterday morning is badly iced up, showing that the northwester was a fierce one in both blow and cold.

Sch. Frances Whalen from off shore, had a fair trip and the market fisherman Aspinet was the lucky producer of a great fare, 28,000 pounds, which means good money all around. The other market boats in, schs. Ethel B. Penney and Washakie, had fair trips. The market was good.

Among the vessels which reached T wharf yesterday, all iced up, sch. Galatea, Capt. Boudreau, seemed to have suffered the most. From the waterline to half way up the masts she was blanketed in ice, and her jib and jumbo were so swollen by the ice that when she got to T wharf the men could not furl them, and they hung half set. The deck was carpeted with thick salt water ice from bow to stern.

It was a bitter trip for the helmsman of the sch. Genesta, for the wheel was incased in ice and his shoes were frozen to the deck.

Old sailors, hardened to cold weather, declared that yesterday was one of the worst days they ever passed through. All the vessels looked as though they had been to the region of the North Pole. Oilskin clothing was worn by even those who were not working, but stood about in the sun.

Vessels of fishermen arriving during the late afternoon were covered with even more ice than those that came in earlier.

In a day or two the Provincetown fleet will be ready to start out again. All the craft have been overhauled, repainted and some of them have their sails on, but it is doubtful if they start until good weather comes again.

The receipts in detail are:

#### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Frances Whalen.  
Sch. Aspinet, 12,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 6000 hake, 3000 cusk, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 3000 haddock, 4000 cod, 500 hake, 4000 pollock.  
Sch. Washakie, 4000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk, 4000 pollock.  
Haddock, \$4.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.25; market cod, \$3.50; hake, \$3.10 to \$3.50; pollock, \$2.75 to \$3; cusk \$2.75.

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#### Danish Fisheries.

The number of fishermen employed last year in the Danish fisheries was 17,659, an increase of 225 over 1907. Of the total number, 2611 were employed on the west coast, 11,749 in the waters within the Scaw, and 3299 in the Limfjord. The capital sunk in the vessels and boats was 10,324,000 kroner; the value of the gear was estimated to be 6,556,600 kroner, both showing increases on the previous year.

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## SEARS ADrift FOR 40 HOURS.

### Sold His Fish For \$11 After Being Rescued.

Nathaniel J. Sears, one of the crew who got astray from sch. Washakie on Jeffries last Saturday and was rescued 40 hours later by sch. Edmund F. Black, was landed at Portland instead of at Rockland as previously stated. Throughout all his rough, lonesome experience, he hung onto the trawls and fish he had in his dory and sold them for \$11 at Portland, Monday.

Speaking of his experience, Sears said:

"We began to fish off Jeffries and with the rest I went out in my dory to set my trawls. This was at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. I put in the day and after getting about 700 pounds of fish, set my sail for the place I had left the schooner. When I got there, there wasn't a sign of a vessel anywhere. I knew that I had been left behind, so the only thing for me to do was to make for Cape Elizabeth. I could tell by the looks of the sky that the wind was southwest, so I laid my course accordingly, and headed for the Cape. I made pretty good time, but when I got near land, I struck a head wind and so had to take to the oars.

### Believed He Would Be Picked Up and Did Not Worry.

"It was pretty bad on the water Saturday night and frequently waves washed over the dory, but I did not take in much. What was the use of worrying? I knew that I would be picked up, knew it just as well as I am sitting here, so I kept at my oars and sure enough, I was taken on board by the Black."

In speaking of picking up Sears, Capt. William Black of the Edmund Black, said:

"We were off Cape Elizabeth Monday morning. I was below and John Morton was on the lookout. We were running under our power, and so making considerable noise, but Morton heard Sears when he called out and answered him. We soon had the man on board and brought him into Portland. There was part of a moon and as it was not long before daylight we had no trouble in seeing him."

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#### Portland Fish Notes.

The Portland fishing fleet, after a short stay on the banks came into port Monday and brought in a goodly amount of sea food. The principal arrivals were: Hockomock, 12,000; Defender, 1200; Lochinvar, 16,000; Fanny Reed, 4000; Laconia, 3000; Gladys, 1500. The small boats also brought in several thousand fish. Other vessels which came in, but did not bring fares were the Edmund B. Black, Albert W. Black, Lizzie May, Mary E. Sinnett, Katie L. Palmer and Eva and Mildred.

#### New York Fish Imports.

Imports of fish at the port of New York for November were as follows: Lobsters, 13,457 lbs., valued at \$3,333; fresh fish, 14,641 lbs., valued at \$3,342; cod, 358,466 lbs., valued at \$18,624; fish in oil, \$234,126; herring, 4,603,560 lbs., valued at \$186,351; mackerel, 1,466,712 lbs., valued at \$91,379; all other, \$87,851.

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#### Another Big Haddock Stock.

Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffery Thomas, stocked \$1700 as the result of her recent haddock trip. Capt. Thomas has been doing big since last seining time, and has rolled up one of the best stocks in the haddock fleet thus far this season.